### USCIS STEM OPT Extension Application Checklist

The links to all documents and forms are listed on the ISSO website.

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<td><em>1.</em></td>
<td>Original <strong>Form G-1145</strong> to allow USCIS to notify you when they accept your application (not a copy)</td>
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<td><em>2.</em></td>
<td>Original <strong>Form I-765</strong>, signed in dark blue or black ink only (not a copy). Must include all pages of 765, even if pages are blank.</td>
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<td><em>3.</em></td>
<td><strong>$410 USCIS fee.</strong> Pay with a personal check from a U.S. checking account, cashier's check from a bank, or money order, payable to the &quot;Department of Homeland Security&quot;. Write &quot;USCIS I-765&quot; in the memo line. We do not recommend using the credit card form G-1450 due to reported issues.</td>
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<td><em>4.</em></td>
<td>A signed and dated copy of your <strong>STEM OPT Extension I-20</strong> and copies of all <strong>previously-issued I-20s</strong> (no original). If you do not have all your I-20s and are unable to obtain copies from the school that issued them, attach a brief explanation of your F-1 status history. See a <strong>sample letter</strong> on the ISSO website.</td>
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<td><em>5.</em></td>
<td>Copy of <strong>Passport Identification page</strong> (valid 6 months into the future)</td>
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<td><em>6.</em></td>
<td>Copy of <strong>F-1 entry visa</strong>. If you changed your status to F-1 in the U.S. and don't have a visa, include your Change of Status approval notice. (Note: Canadians are exempt from visa requirement).</td>
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<td><em>7.</em></td>
<td>Copy of your most recent <strong>I-94 arrival record</strong> (click “Get Most Recent I-94” at i94.cbp.dhs.gov/)</td>
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<td><em>8.</em></td>
<td><strong>Two U.S. passport style photos</strong> using standards from the <strong>Department of State website</strong> and be aware that [1] photos cannot be more than <strong>30 days old</strong> when you send the application and [2] you should write your name on the back of each photo in pencil. [3] You can take your photos at UPS Stores (603 West 115th Street &amp; 42 Tiemann Place), and at Rite Aid, 4046 Broadway and 171st St. near CUI/MC, among other places.</td>
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<td><em>9.</em></td>
<td>Photocopy of both sides of your <strong>current OPT EAD</strong> card and any previously issued <strong>EAD card(s)</strong></td>
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<td><em>10.</em></td>
<td>Copy of your <strong>diploma</strong> (either digital/electronic or paper copy is acceptable), with your degree title and the date it was awarded. You must include a copy of your transcript with it as evidence of having completed a STEM degree on the government list.</td>
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<td><em>11.</em></td>
<td>E-transcript or paper <strong>transcript</strong> (a copy of either is acceptable) of your degree program of study in a designated STEM field</td>
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